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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: C. Ward Trussell, Jr.	)	
Serial No.: 09/879,928	)	Examiner Matthew E. Warren
Filed: June 14, 2001	)	Art Unit 2815
Title: DIODE ARRAY END PUMPED SLAB	)	Attorney Docket No. NVL-3247
LASER	)	

**RULE 116 AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir,

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 02, 2003, A pplication responds in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all claims:
  - In ascending order;
  - With status identifiers; and
  - With markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-2201.